

Reducing Hospital Acquired Infections and Conditions: A Journey to Oz

Our Results

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Einstein Medical Center Montgomery began this journey with a dream of decreasing our HAI and HAC. We asked questions and gathered a team in the hopes that we could end somewhere over the rainbow.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road:

Start with a dream and determine where you are, where you want to go, who can help you and anticipate any challenges.

Our challenges were Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSI), Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI), and Hospital Associated Pressure Injuries (HAPI).

Crash Landing:

You must dig right in. This means developing a vision, designing the team, reviewing current processes and best practices, listening to the team and defining goals.

Your Team:

“Glinda” is the visionary. This person will support the team even when they do not know it. They also set the expectations for the team. This is a C-Suite representative.



“Dorothy” is the team leader. Someone who provides the information and communicates the vision. This person is the boots on the ground leader.



“Scarecrow” is the person who researches best practices, determines the goals, reviews the data and inspires the team to achieve the goals.



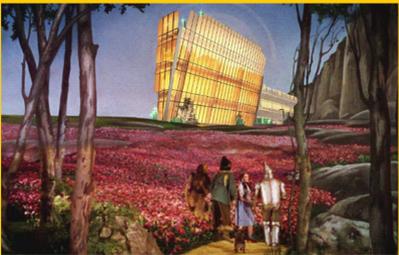
“Tin Man” works for the buy-in of the staff. This person has the heart to harness the passion of the staff. They listen to ideas and discuss the best practices.



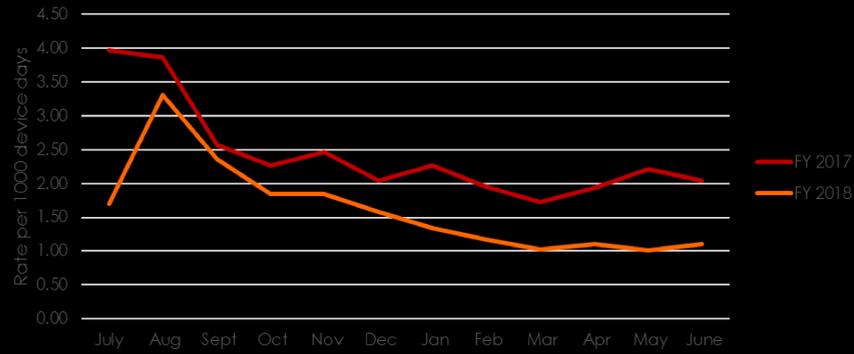
“Lion” is the innovator. Someone who has the courage to speak up. They are not afraid to make multiple attempt to get what they need to have the safest patient care.



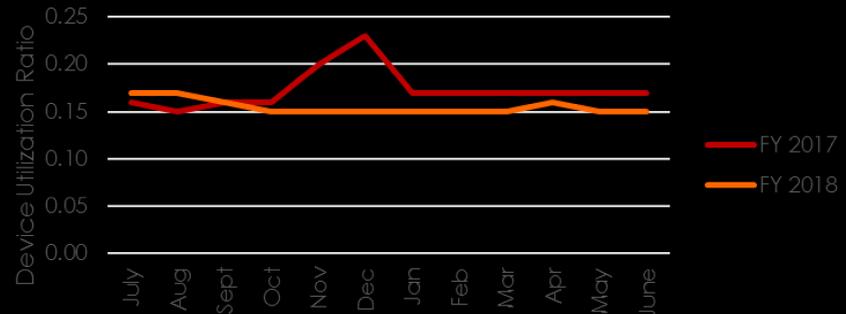
“The witch” is the person who provides the team with the challenge or the opportunities to succeed. This person, in our minds, is also a good witch. They watch for trends, provide the team with resources and support practice changes. The witch is there to raise the bar.



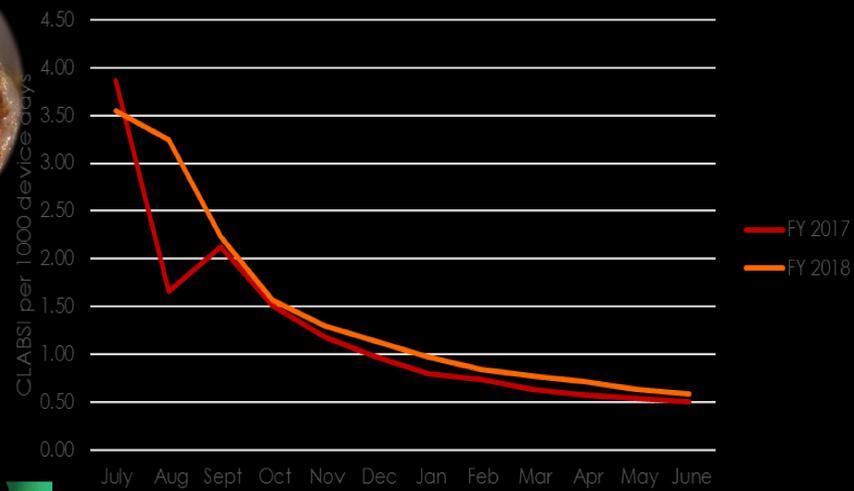
CAUTI Rate comparison by FY



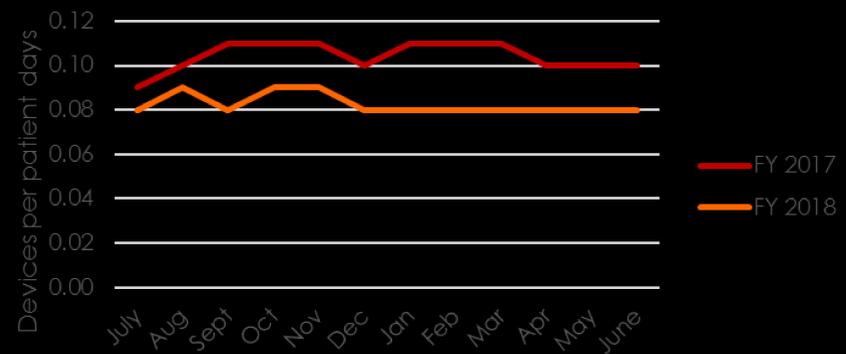
Indwelling Foley Catheter DUR comparison by FY



CLABSI FYTD Rate



Central Line Device Utilization



HAPI Prevalence by FY

